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## 2002 October



Jana Hotkova and her father

### Czech invention hits the road

Submitted by Jana Hotkova

This is a photo of me and my dad, **Karel Horak**, taken when I was about nine years old. We are sitting in a cabin motorcycle, called a Dalnik, built by my father in 1966. We were living in Karlovy Vary, Czechoslovakia, which is situated 120 km west of Prague, where my dad still lives today. My dad's real job was making custom-designed ceramic kilns, but his hobby was to create a motorcycle that could be driven in the rain. Like a motorcycle, it had two seats, but the back one was a bit wider — big enough to fit my friend and me. It reached a speed of about 100 km per hour. The Dalnik was never patented because Communism did not allow it, but sometime in the '80s a Swiss company called Peraves was trying to make the same type of vehicle, so they bought my dad's. The Dalnik now resides in the company museum. Peraves came up with the prototype for their version of the cabin motorcycle, called the Ecomobile.

Full story online

### The Capilano Review turns 30

Submitted by Carol Hamshaw

The new issue of The Capilano Review celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a newly designed cover and editor **Sharon Thesen's** selection of the best in Aboutist writing. The issue includes new work from **George Stanley**, **Diana Hartog**, **Ryan Knighton**, **Hannah Calder**, **Esta Spalding**, and acrylic paintings by award-winning poet, **Phyllis Webb**. Released in September 2002, the issue sells for \$9 and is available at the College and in various bookstores in Greater Vancouver. *The Capilano Review* has been publishing innovative poetry, fiction, drama, and visual work since 1972. It has received several National Magazine Awards, Western Magazine Awards, and its published stories have been included in *The Journey Prize Anthology*. Thanks to all the editors, managing editors, board directors, and to all the contributors whose innovative work always inspires. For more information, please visit [www.capcollege.bc.ca/dept/TCR](http://www.capcollege.bc.ca/dept/TCR) or [tcr@capcollege.bc.ca](mailto:tcr@capcollege.bc.ca)

More details online

### close up



Sharon Thesen

College English instructor, **Sharon Thesen** has been selected along with distinguished poets **Michael Longley** (U.K.) and **Sharon Olds** (U.S.) to judge entries submitted from publishers around the world for the 2003 Griffin Poetry Prize. The judges are selected annually by the trustees: **Margaret Atwood**, **Robert Hass**, **Michael Ondaatje**, **Robin Robertson** and **David Young**. Longley, Olds and Thesen will be judging books of poetry published in the 2002 calendar year. The shortlist will be announced on UNESCO World Poetry Day, March 21, 2003. The Griffin Poetry Prize, worth \$80,000 and divided between the international and Canadian winners, will be presented at the May 20 awards ceremony. Along with her teaching duties and editing duties of *The Capilano Review*, Thesen is also the author of eight books of poetry. Her latest book of poems, *A Pair of Scissors* (2000), won the Pat Lowther Memorial Award. *Confabulations* (1984) and *The Beginnings of the Long Dash* (1987) were shortlisted for the Governor-General's Award.

More online

### New board of governors

Two new members have been appointed and one new member elected to the Capilano College 2002/2003 board of governors. Newly-appointed are **Linda Robertson**, former corporate secretary as well as the senior vice president, human resources and law, at the Insurance Corporation of B.C., and **Brian Smith**, president of



Board chair,  
Donnaleen Miller

Brier Enterprises Inc. in Sechelt. Newly elected is student representative, **Ben West**.

Capilano College Mathematics instructor, **Dr. Frank Harris**, also joins the board as a non-voting member in his capacity as chair of Education Council.

Full story online

### Stork crazy



CANASEAN coordinator, **Eryn Krieger**, had a baby girl on Sunday, September 22. Maya Kaitlin Krieger weighed in at seven pounds, 10 ounces.

College counsellor, **Sukhi Sohi**, had an eight pound three ounce baby boy on September 28. **Max Sohi Paul** and mother are both doing well.

Congratulations to all!



ECE conference participants find the child within.

## Above and beyond the call of duty

The Early Childhood Care and Education program hosted in late August a successful conference for early childhood educators. About 100 guests who attended *Opening Doors, 2002* were mostly from British Columbia, with some coming from Alberta, Washington and from as far away as Hong Kong. Attendees included those people who work in early childhood education, students, researchers and authors. Event co-coordinator, **Jen Moses**, said:

"Our gratitude goes to all the employees of the Child Care Centre, dean **John Potts** for his support and encouragement, the faculty of ECCE who spent countless extra hours preparing and organizing, program assistant **Diane Mills** for her 1,000 hours of 'above and beyond,' the College Foundation for financial subsidies for ECCE students to attend, Facilities for set-ups, and the A/V department for fabulous equipment organizing."

*Go online for a full report of the event*

## New chair of Eldercollege

Submitted by Lauren Mulholland

**Margot Rawsthorne** takes lifelong learning to heart. In 1968, she enrolled in first year sciences at Capilano College. She then went on to earn a degree in human nutrition and a master's degree in adult education at the University of British Columbia.

Margot spent the next 22 years as a faculty member and coordinator of Health programs at Capilano College. One year after retiring



Margot Rawsthorne

in 1999 she joined Eldercollege and recently became its chair. Eldercollege is a Continuing

Education program that provides learning opportunities for adults 55 and older. It is a program of self-directed education with a

mandate to offer opportunities for members to share ideas and knowledge with others. Margot has found this to be true.

*Full story online*

### It's true!

*If you subtract 40 from the number of cricket chirps a minute, divide the result by four and add 50, you can tell the temperature. (ed. note: the hard part is catching the cricket.)*

## Essay contest winners

Submitted by Nick Collins

Every year Townsend Press in the United States holds an essay writing competition for students enrolled in post-secondary developmental writing courses. The contest is open to those registered in adult basic education and English as a second language programs in the U.S. and Canada. For the last three years, Capilano College has had an ESL student amongst the winners. In 2002, **Shirin Mehrgan** from ESL 099 won the third place prize of \$500 US. Fifth place winner **Miyu Nakagawa** from ESL 089 won \$100 US. Third place is the highest placement a Capilano College student has ever achieved and Miyu is the first student from ESL 089 to be named a recipient.



Crawford in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

## A quick trip to Brazil

Submitted by Crawford Kilian

I've just returned from giving a workshop on Web writing in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and thought I'd share my experience with people at Capilano College. I arrived in Sao Paulo early on September 13 after an overnight flight from Toronto, taught on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, talked to the university students on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>, and caught the plane to Canada that night ... back home about noon on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The event happened thanks to a Brazilian friend. Last winter she approached a small company in Sao Paulo to suggest that they invite me to give a workshop for Brazilian writers, editors and content developers.

*Full story online*

## Women's history month in October

Upcoming events sponsored by the Women's Studies department:

### Wednesday, October 23

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Fir building, room 206

#### Dr. Marlene LeGates:

*What to say when your daughter asks: "Women's history, women's history. How come I never hear anything about men's history?"*

#### Jeanne Mikita:

*Mail Order Brides: Geography of the Marriage Market*

### Thursday, October 24

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Fir building, room 206

#### Dr. Andrea Westcott:

*Historical Overview of British Women Writers: The Rise of the Novel*

#### Sandra Seekins:

*Feminist Interventions in the Eighties: The Guerrilla Girls*

Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome!

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